

REMARKS

In the May 20, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-17 were pending in the application and were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for the same reasons as in the September 21, 2004 Office Action.

In paragraphs 57 and 58 on page 27 of the Office Action, the Examiner responded to the arguments in the February 22, 2005 Request for Reconsideration by asserting that the term "address mode" (e.g., claim 1, line 4) "refers to how memory is accessed ... , not the address size" (Office Action, page 27, lines 14-15, emphasis in original). As discussed in the February 22, 2005 Amendment, the latter is how the specification defines the term "address mode." Since the Examiner has denied the right of the applicant to be his own lexicographer, as provided by U.S. patent law, all of the independent claims have been amended to include a definition of address mode consistent with the description in the specification at page 4, lines 12-13 and page 22, lines 13-19.

As a result of the amendments that have been made to the claims, it is respectfully requested that the claims be reconsidered in light of the comments in the February 22, 2005 Request for Reconsideration distinguishing devices and methods that operate on address mode information, as now explicitly defined in the claims. After such reconsideration, it is expected that the rejections relying on the prior art used to reject the claims in the September 21, 2004 and May 20, 2005 Office Actions will be withdrawn.

Summary

It is submitted that the references cited by the Examiner, taken individually or in combination, do not reach or suggest the features of the present claimed invention. Thus, it is submitted that claims 1-8, 10-13 and 15-17 are in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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